

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Third Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

June 29, 2025 ~ 8:30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Celebrant: The Rev. Doug Gaul



Our mission at St. Francis of Assisi is to love, grow and serve.





St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church *Welcoming All God's Children!*

Guests and Newcomers

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today! We encourage you to complete a *Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi Pew Card*. There is contact information for the Church with a tear-off portion so we can learn more about how we may serve you. Please place the completed tear-off portion of the card in the alms basin.

CLERGY AND STAFF:

The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards, Bishop

The Rev. Doug Graul, Rector

The Rev. Deacon Ann F. Pilat, Deacon for Hispanic Ministries

Mrs. Rebecca Christmas, Church Administrator

Mr. Joseph Schroer, Director of Music

Mrs. Bertina Floyd, Pianist for 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

Mr. David Schroer, Organist for 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Mrs. Karen Wade, Thrift Shop Manager

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 29th

Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Adults)

Wednesday, July 2nd

Noon Bulletin Deadline

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Coffee with Clergy

Friday, July 4th

Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 5th

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Open

Sunday, July 7th

Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Adults)

ON-LINE GIVING

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Silent Prayer and Meditation

Prelude

The Processional Hymn

In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me

Hymn 706

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

BCP 355

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria (*Sung at 10:30 a.m.*)

S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People Sit.

The First Lesson - 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

The First Lesson - 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, *continued*

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, *Voce mea ad Dominum*

BCP 693

- 1 I will cry aloud to God; *
 I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; *
 my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
 I refused to be comforted.
- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD, *
 and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts *
 and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
 who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders *
 and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
 the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God;
 the waters saw you and trembled; *
 the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water;
 the skies thundered; *
 your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
 your lightnings lit up the world; *
 the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea,
 and your paths in the great waters, *
 yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock *
 by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

The Second Lesson - Galatians 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People Stand As Able.

Sequence Hymn

Day By Day

Hymn 654

The Gospel - Luke 9:51-62

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

Day By Day

Hymn 654

The People Sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Doug Graul

The People Stand As Able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The People Kneel.

The Prayers of the People Form V

BCP 389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean (Rowe), our Presiding Bishop; for Daniel (Richards), our Bishop; for Doug (Graul), our Rector; for Ann (Pilat), our Deacon; for Elizabeth (Eaton), Bishop in the Lutheran Church (ELCA); and for Virginia “Ginny” (Aebischer), Bishop of SC Synod (ELCA); and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust especially, Donald (Trump), the President of the United States, for Henry (McMaster), the Governor of this State, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Pastoral Care Committee.

In our Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. Paul's, Batesburg; St. Paul's, Fort Mill; St. Paul's Graniteville.

In our Community Prayer Cycle: Pray for the people and clergy of Crossroads Church.

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; especially those listed in the insert today and (*names read from Prayer Request Book*). You may add your own petitions either silently or aloud: (*pause*); and for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: **June 29 ~ Shannon Berley; July 2 ~ John Kupfer; 4 ~ Thomas Quenneville.**

For those celebrating their anniversary this week: **July 3 ~ Ed & Vera Crenshaw; 3 ~ Martin & Sherry Wingard; 5 ~ Jerome & Ann Gorman.**

In thanksgiving for the altar flowers today given to the glory of God and **in memory of Jean Frances DeMuth, Mother of Don DeMuth, by Don & Nancy DeMuth**, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Francis and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Let us pray together *The Prayer of St. Francis*,

BCP 833

***Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.***

The celebrant concludes with a collect

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People ***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The People Stand As Able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The People Sit for Announcements.

Announcements

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

Offertory Anthem

The People Stand As Able.

The Doxology

Hymn 43

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The People Kneel or Stand.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, St. Francis and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,*

*as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The People Sit.

Communion

Baptized Christians of all traditions and ages are invited to receive the sacrament. Those who have not yet received baptism are welcome to come to the rail for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing from the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. Those who do not wish to receive the wine can indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing their arms over their chest. Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. Please make your request known to the Ushers.

Communion Hymns

***My Song is Love Unknown
O Jesus, I Have Promised***

***Hymn 458
Hymn 655***

The People Kneel or Stand.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us Pray.

Celebrant and People

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Blessing

Sending Hymn

When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth

Hymn 603

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

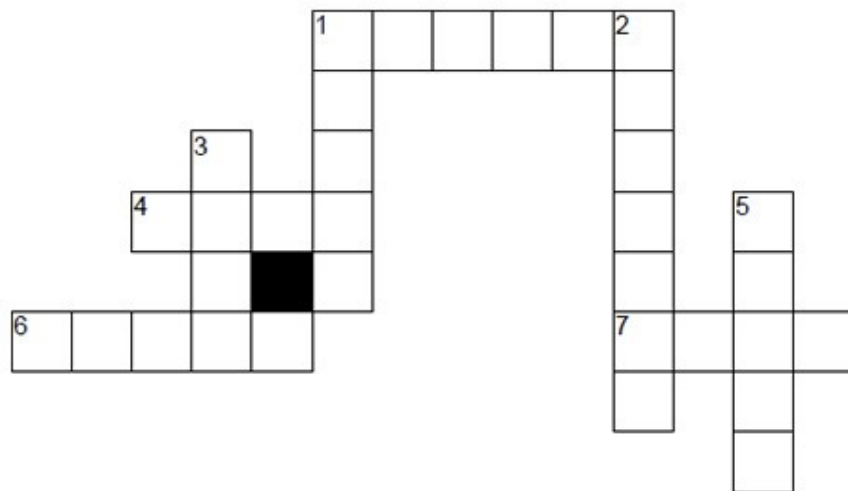
Postlude



First Things First

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:61-62 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 9:51-62



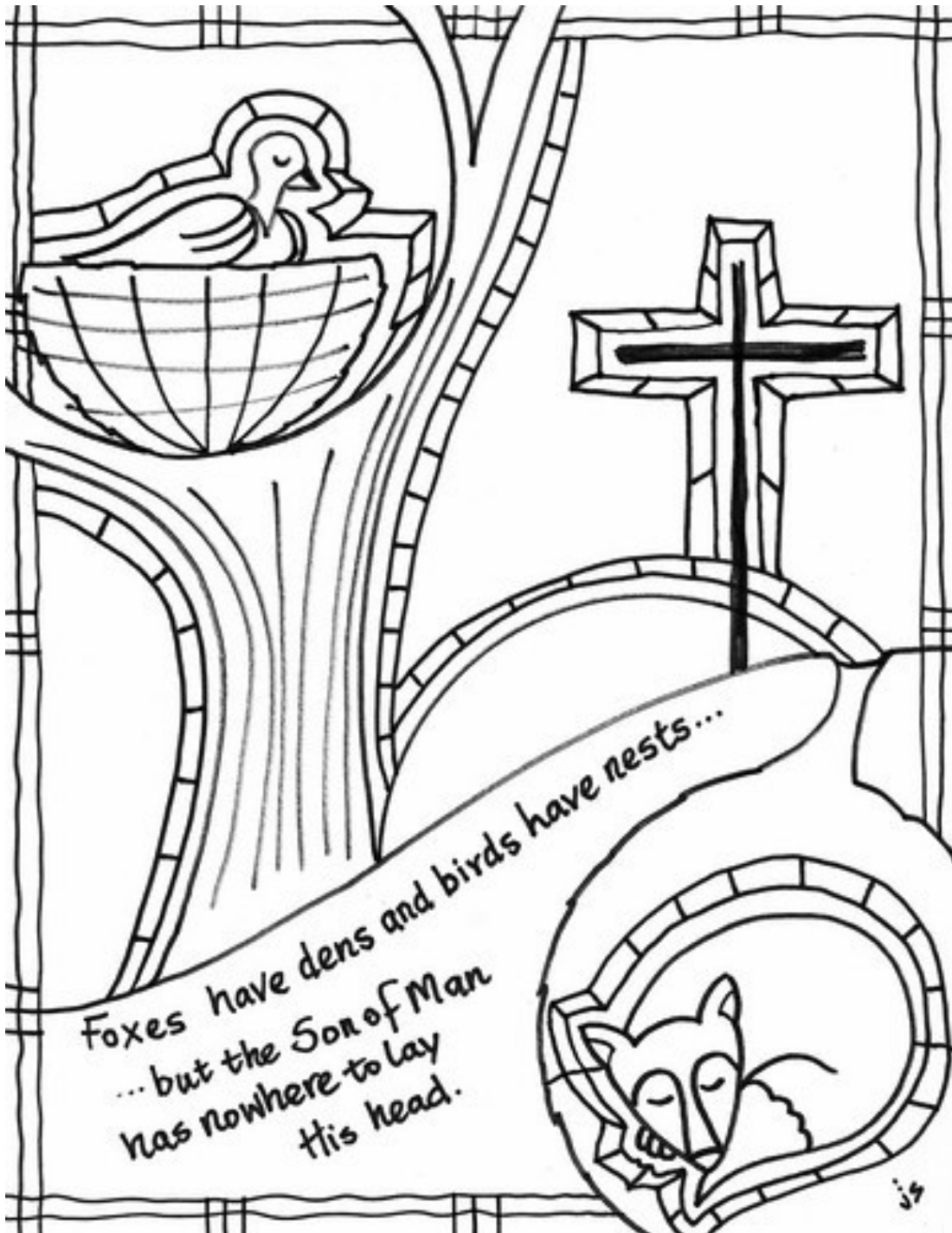
ACROSS

1. To walk behind someone
4. An opening in the ground where an animal might live
6. Creatures with feathers and wings, usually able to fly
7. A home for birds

DOWN

1. Animals similar to dogs with a long, bushy tail
2. Traveling on foot
3. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
5. The Son of God

ROAD	NEST	FOLLOW	WALKING
FOXES	JESUS	HOLE	BIRDS





	Third Sunday after Pentecost June 29	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6
Ushers	8:30 a.m. Kennon Webb 10:30 a.m. Mike Eckhart John Kupfer	8:30 a.m. Dennis Baker 10:30 a.m. Susan Little
Greeters	10:30 a.m. Jim Lichty	10:30 a.m. Nancy DeMuth
Acolytes		Addisyn Hood Jayden Organski Cameron Hood Brooke Hood
Worship Assistants and Lectors	8:30 a.m. John Grindley Diane Henry 10:30 a.m. Michael Copeland Deanna Boyle	8:30 a.m. John Grindley Deborah Laren 10:30 a.m. Lynn Edgerton Youth
Altar Guild	Peggy Williams Sue Copeland	Peggy Williams Sue Copeland
Prayer Desk	8:30 a.m. Glinda Van Dyke 10:30 a.m. Toni Sylvester	8:30 a.m. Deborah Laren 10:30 a.m. Terry Burnett
Flower Guild	Peggy Williams	Linda Barksdale
Coffee Hour	Jayne Bradley Bev Collom	
Bread Baker	Ann Gorman	Stancil Hood
Counters	Alice Brooker Richard Walters	Carol Baker Jerome Gorman

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